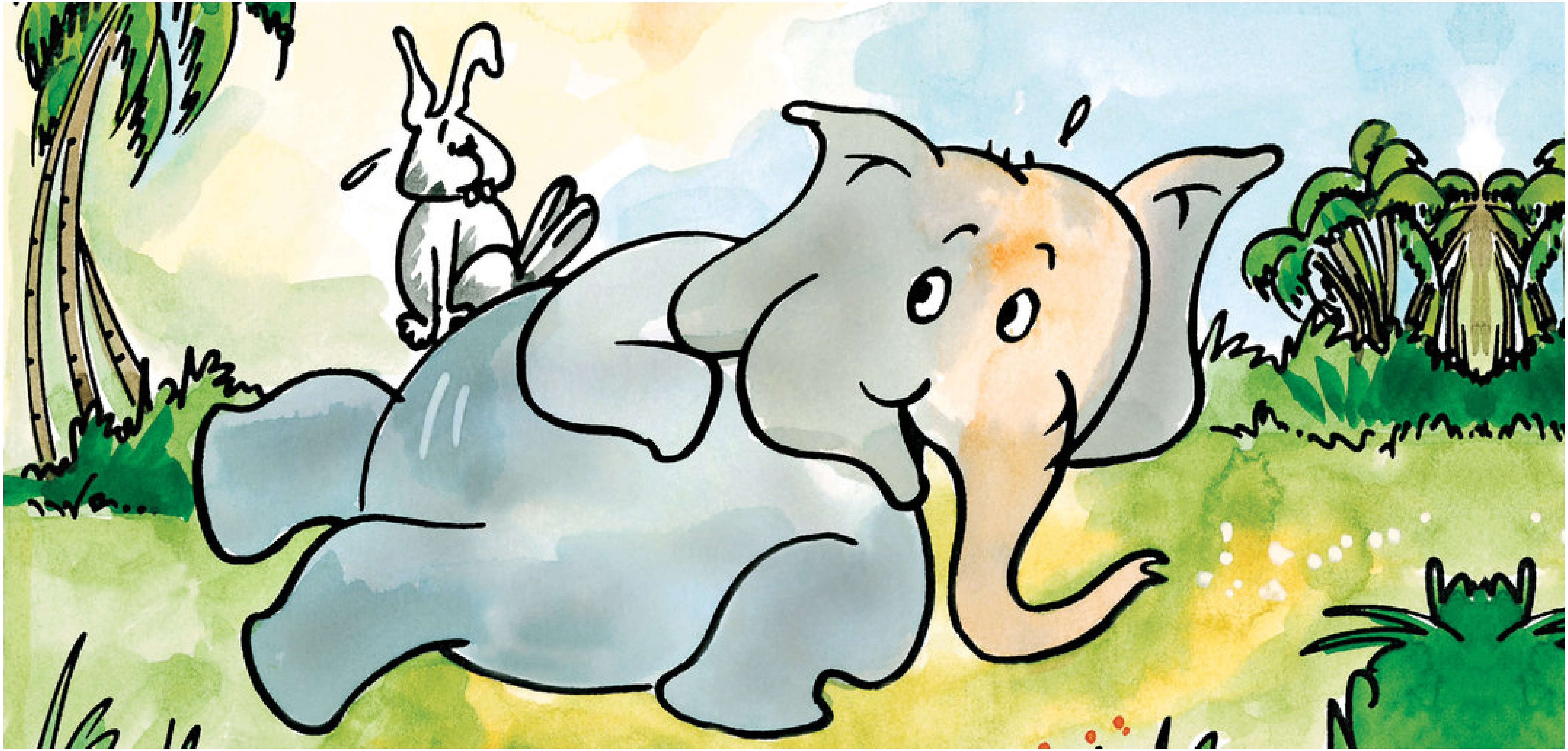


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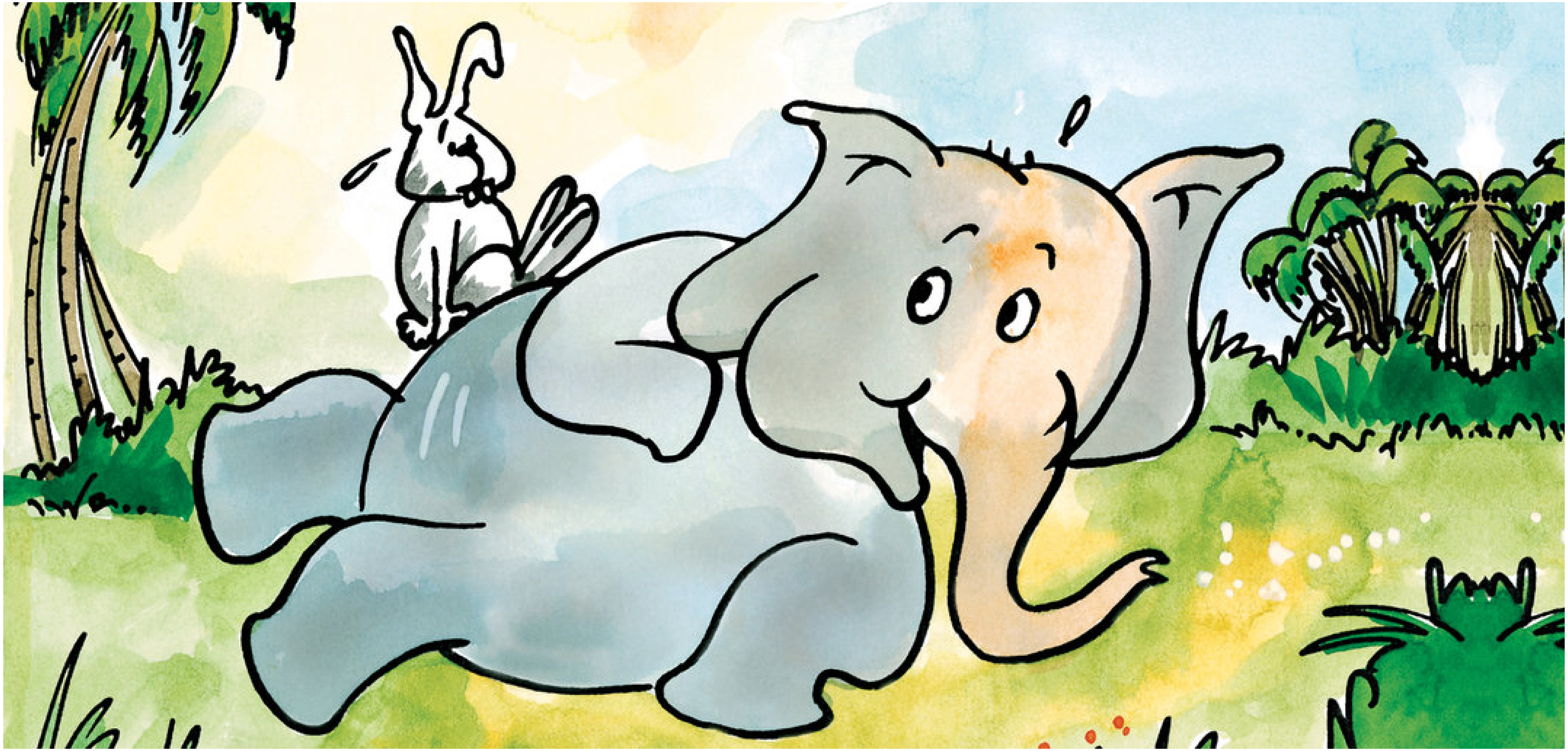
The little elephant's name was Golu. He was as round as a drum. The little rabbit was called Chhotu. He looked like a ball of cotton.



They played together.
One day, Golu said, “Let’s play a new game today.”



“You sit down. I’ll land on your back in one flying leap,” said Chhotu.
Golu sat down. Chhotu took a mighty leap.



Thump! He landed on Golu’s back.
“Wow!” laughed Golu and said, “My turn now. You sit down and I will leap on your back.”



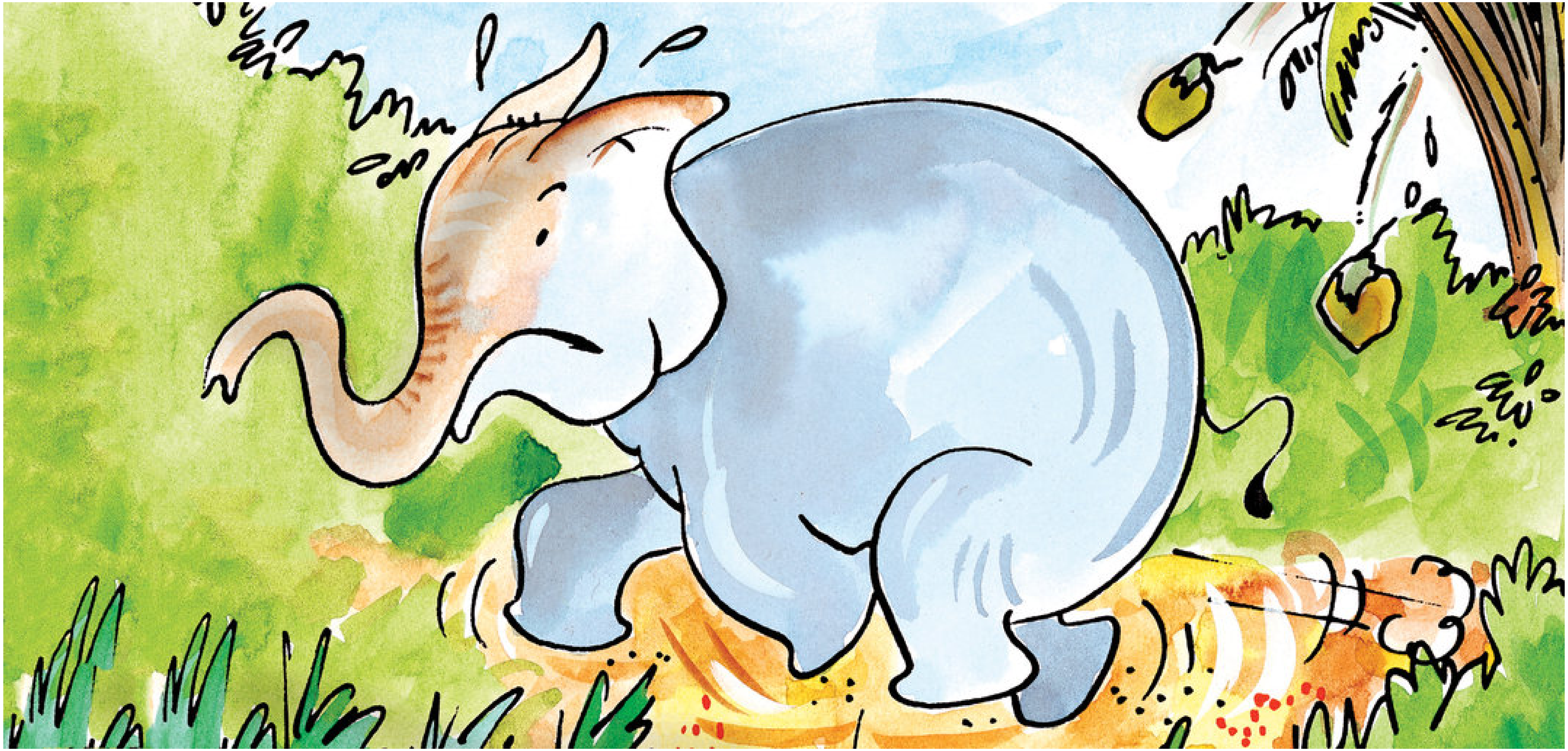
“You!”
“Yes, me.”
“How can you do that?” asked Chhotu.



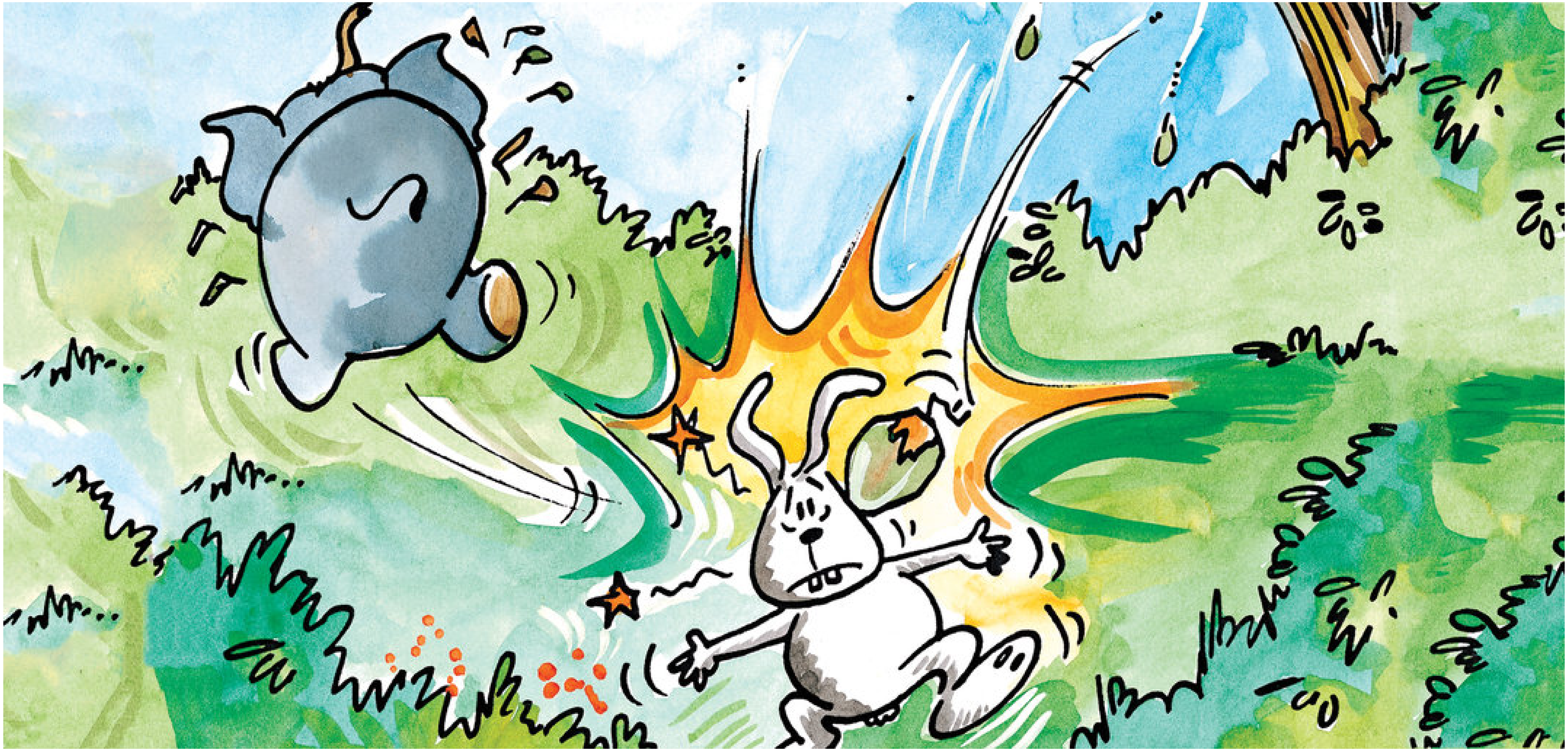
"Like this!" Golu showed him.



Thud... thud... thud...
A shower of coconuts came down on Golu’s head.



He ran away on fat legs, scared.



One small coconut fell on Chhotu.



‘That’s better,’ thought Chhotu, ‘Better a coconut than an elephant on my head!’

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(English)

Golu and Chhotu sure make a funny pair. Read about their antics in this funny story.

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.